

## **Leadership Academy competes for national award**

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The national organization NASPA-Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education has announced that Alfred University's Women's Leadership Academy (WLA) has been selected to compete for a Spotlight Series award for Influences on Student Learning.

The WLA will automatically be in contention for the Spotlight Program of the Year Award during the organization's annual convention slated for March 15-19, 2014 in Baltimore.

The WLA is a credit-bearing, intensive leadership development experience for selected students. Members have special opportunities, such as field trips, conferences, speeches, workshops from professional mentors, leadership internships, and sponsored research. Each member also takes coursework in "Gender and Leadership," which explores topics of gender, leadership theory, feminism, politics, economics, communication, persuasion, power, privilege, and ethics.

Members are also eligible for several awards, including the Bernstein Leadership Award, the WLC Research Award, and the Alpha Kappa Omicron Award. Acceptance to the Academy is selective, and is open to sophomore, junior, and senior men and women.